Pure Romance

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The Bride of Montefalco

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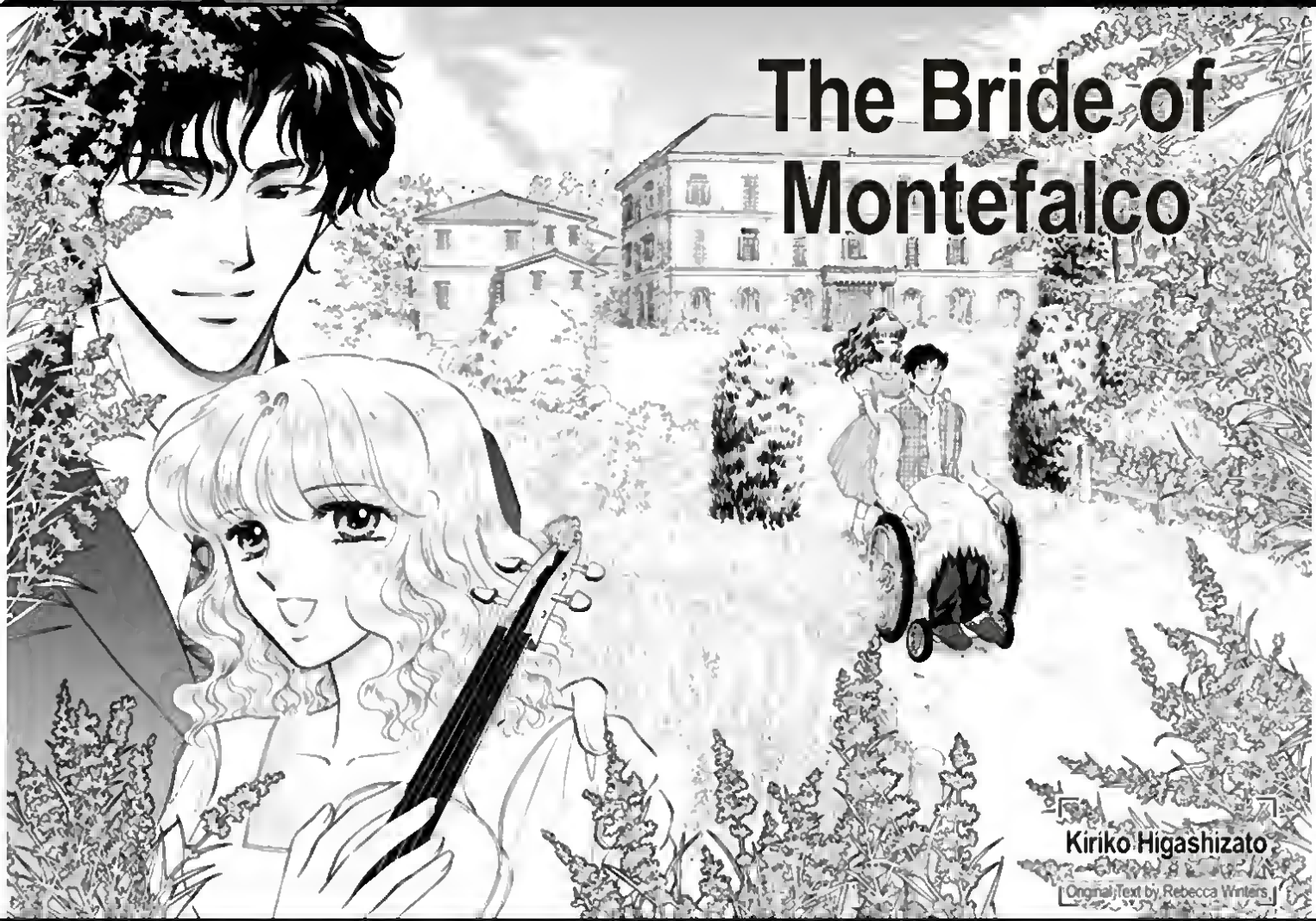
2 months ago, I was told my missing husband had died in a car accident in Switzerland 4 months ago.
The police told me the car had slid in a snow-storm and plunged into a river.
In the passenger seat was the body of an unidentified woman...
Accident...? Who was the woman in the car?
Was Jim... Having an affair?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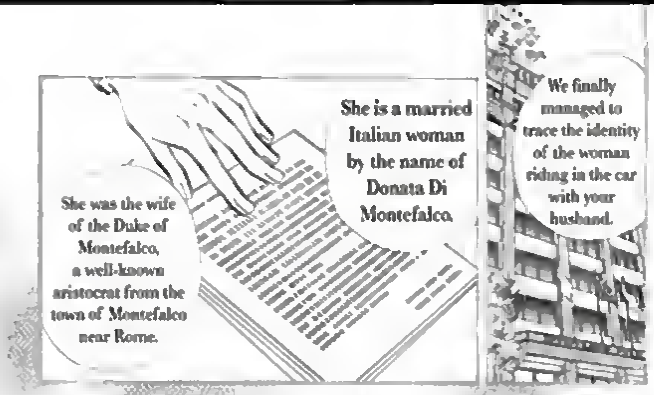
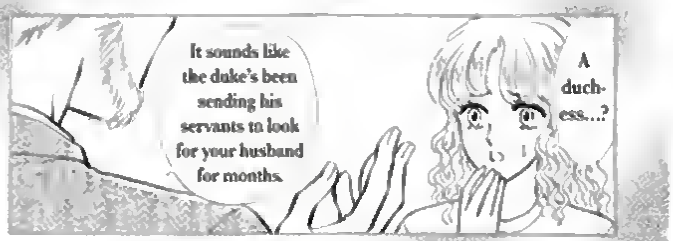

She was the wife of the Duke of Montefalco, a well-known aristocrat from the town of Montefalco near Rome.
She is a married Italian woman by the name of Donata Di Montefalco.
We finally managed to trace the identity of the woman riding in the car with your husband.

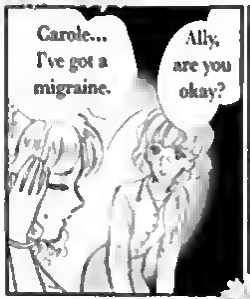
My head hurts ..



But perhaps the duke's marriage was on the rocks like mine...

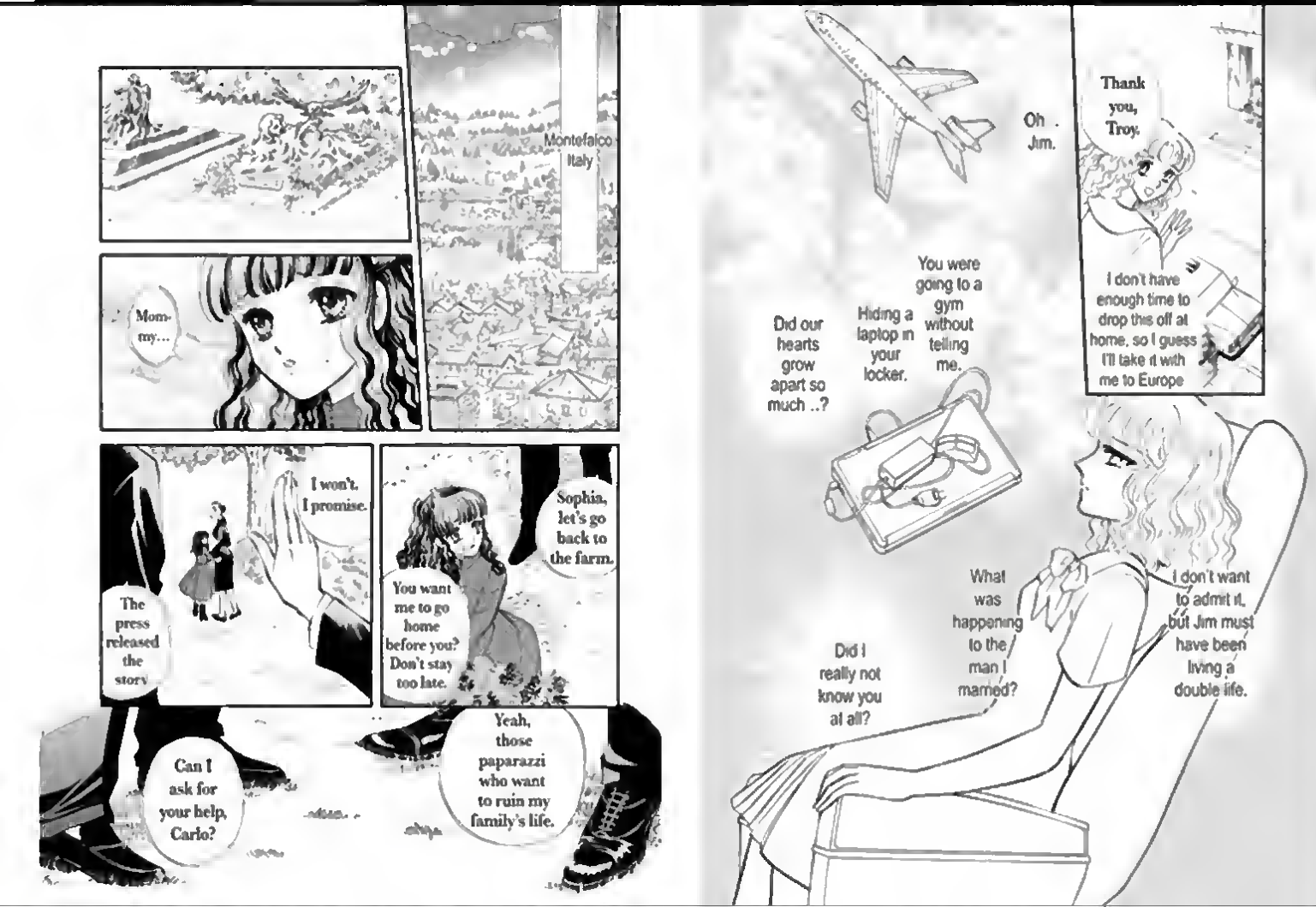
I don't know if he was having an affair.

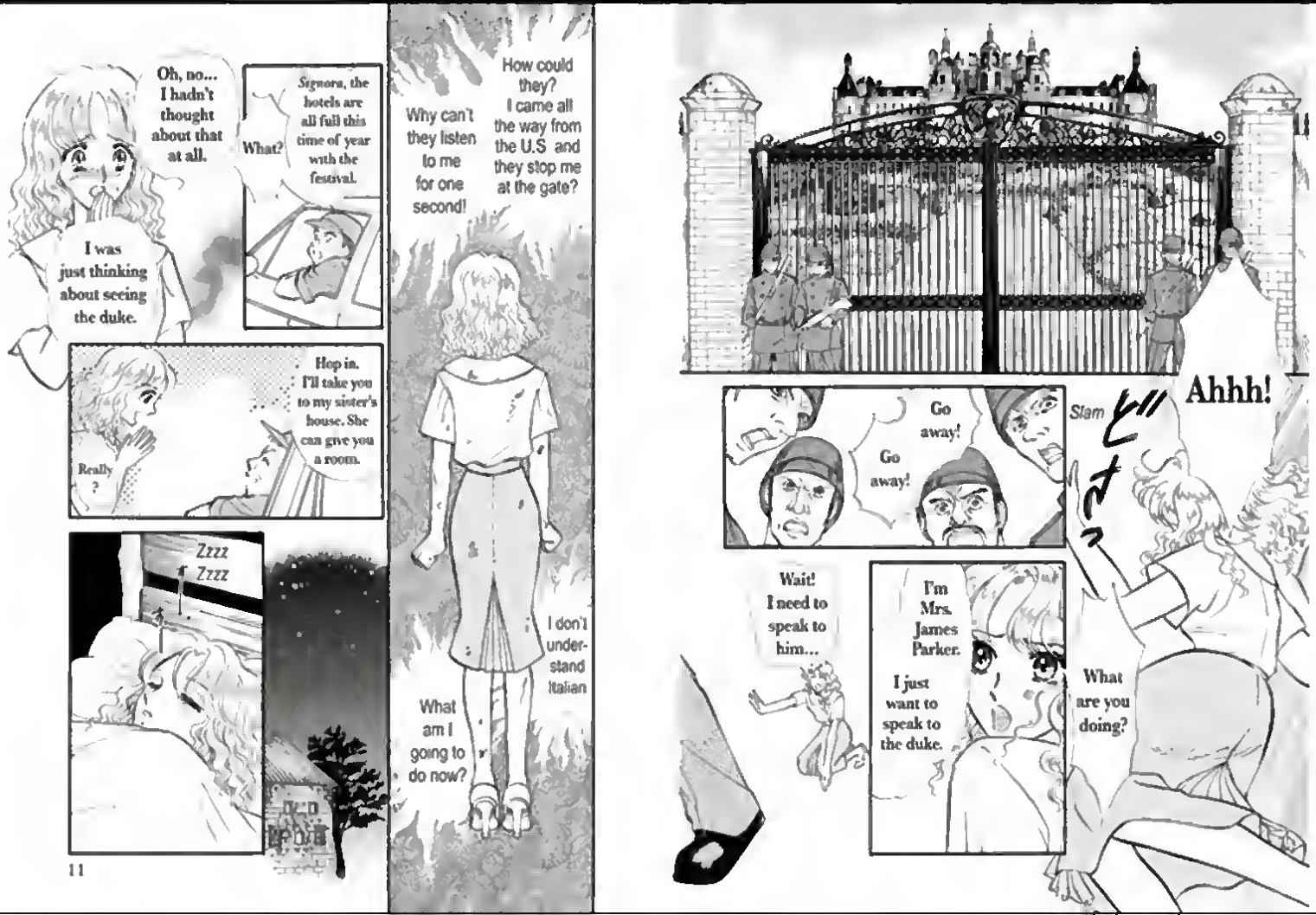
My husband would be away from home for long periods of time for work...



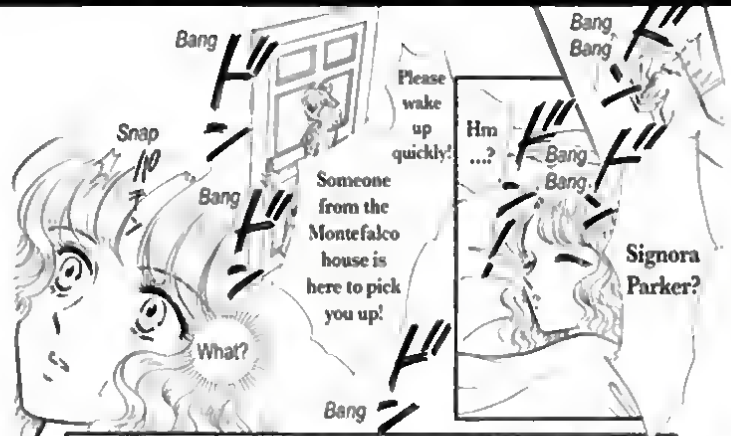
That's fine. I'll bring your violin tomorrow so you can leave it with me.
I'll come to the rehearsal tomorrow.
I'm sorry. Can you let the conductor know I've gone home?
Thank you.

What?
You found Jim's stuff?
Yes?
Ring Ring
This is Troy from the Golden Arm Gym. We were sorting through the lockers...
I'll go see the scene of the accident, then go meet the duke.
Thanks for coming, Mrs. Parker.
I'm Mrs. James Parker.
You must be Troy?
A laptop?
This is what we found in your husband's locker.
Why did Jim and that woman travel together in a snow- storm?
What is her husband thinking now?
I wonder if the duke felt the same way...
The few months my husband was missing, I was aching with worry...
I'd like to book some airline tickets please.
If I meet with the duke, maybe we can console each other...?


Montefalco
Italy
Mom-
my...
I won't.
I promise.
The
press
released
the
story
Sophia,
let's go
back to
the farm.
You want
me to go
home
before you?
Don't stay
too late.
Can I
ask for
your help,
Carlo?
Yeah,
those
paparazzi
who want
to ruin my
family's life.
Oh .
Jim.
Thank
you,
Troy.
I don't have
enough time to
drop this off at
home, so I guess
I'll take it with
me to Europe
Did our
hearts
grow
apart so
much ..?
Hiding a
laptop in
your
locker.
You were
going to a
gym
without
telling
me.
What
was
happening
to the
man I
married?
I don't want
to admit it,
but Jim must
have been
living a
double life.
Did I
really not
know you
at all?


Oh, no... I hadn't thought about that at all.
I was just thinking about seeing the duke.
What?
Signora, the hotels are all full this time of year with the festival.
Really ?
Hop in. I'll take you to my sister's house. She can give you a room.
Zzzz
Zzzz
How could they? I came all the way from the U.S and they stop me at the gate?
Why can't they listen to me for one second!
I don't understand Italian
What am I going to do now?
Go away!
Go away!
Slam
Ahhh!
Wait! I need to speak to him...
I'm Mrs. James Parker.
I just want to speak to the duke.
What are you doing?

Give it back...
Grab
Oh!
A face like an eagle.
Beautiful olive-colored skin ..
Enough to snap me awake


Bang
Snap
Bang
Someone from the Montefalco house is here to pick you up!
What?
Bang
Please wake up quickly!
Bang
Bang
Hm ...?
Bang
Bang
Signora Parker?

You must be a very important person. You can't make him wait.
He's sent a car for you.
How can that be? How does he know I am here?

I'm sorry you had to wake up so late last night for me...
Thank you for letting me stay.
That's okay. You better go!

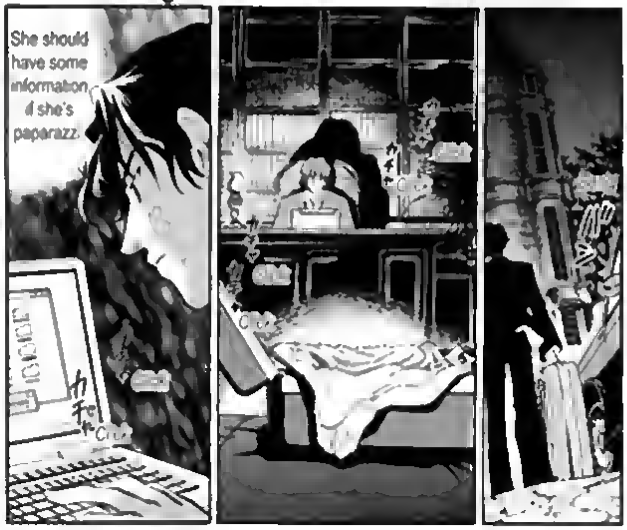
You won't be able to contact the embassy until the morning.
Fake passports are easy to make.
What? I am Mrs. James Parker. See my passport!
Bang
Let me contact the American Embassy!
You claim to be Mrs. Parker
and you trespassed onto the Duke of Montefalco's property.
Trespassing is a crime.
You're innocent until proven guilty!
In America...
カチャ!
Grrrr...
Someone please tell me this is a terrible nightmare!
A jail cell?
I can't believe this.

I should just think about that
Bu-boom!
Anyway. I get to see the duke
I shouldn't stare..
Clank
Slam
!?
What are you doing? I don't understand.
Why are you keeping me here?
I heard you want to speak to the Duke of Montefalco. But he does not see anyone.
If you want to contact him you will need to go through me.

Flick
Flick
Is that woman going to try to blackmail the duke?
What are these photographs ...!

Can you explain to me about the photographs in your computer?
That's my husband's.
I didn't even know there were pictures in it...
I don't know anything about it!
What you're doing is illegal!
Go away!
Si-gnora.
Crash
Flinch

You've made a mistake!
When you find out who she is, I'll make sure she can never do something like this again.
Check to see if this paparazzi woman's passport is a fake or not.
Carlo, thanks for your help.


She should have some information if she's paparazzi.

Jim must have really been with another woman behind my back.
When I first had an inkling...
Photos .? What photos?
I want to speak to Mr. Montefalco.
I am Allison Cummings Parker. I am not lying!
Which tabloid paper do you work for?
Just tell me everything you know...
Si-gnora
I am so stupid...!
Why didn't I say anything...?
One day my boss gave me some interesting work.
I am a freelance journalist working for a regional Polish newspaper.
...Fine, I will tell you everything.
I need to get out of here...

It's about a married Polish man and a European woman who died in an accident.
My boss gave me her photographs and I was going to ask for an exclusive interview with this woman's husband.
And if he did not take me seriously I was going to show him the photos...
You must not lie through teeth white as pearls.
Si-gnora
If you had seen the photos, you wouldn't put your information source in danger like this.
Listen.
I only want to talk to Mr. Montefalco!
Blush
Turn
It's a message from the police.
The passport was real.
She is the real Mrs. Parker.

Broom
I see!
After holding me on suspicion of having a fake passport and trespassing...
Somewhere you can get some rest and eat a meal.
You finally decide to believe me.
So what does Mr. Montefalco call you?
Gino.
Where are you taking me?
I'm sorry about how I treated you, Mrs. Parker.
...What?
I don't intend to give the paparazzi something they can feed on.
I know...
She's just a widow who turned up at the wrong time, when the press are trying to make a sensation out of this accident.
Just make sure no one sees you with her.
Mrs. Parker.
You have been released. Please come out.
Come on, *signora*.

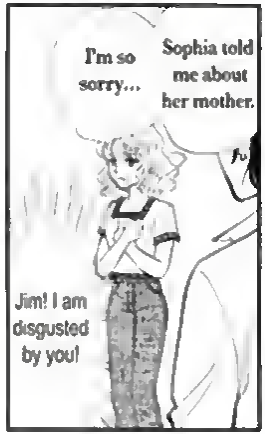
Thump
So much has happened.
...I'm tired...
I will. Eventually ...
Zzz
I want to forget everything and fall asleep
Okay.
She's had a long journey so she's sleeping now.
She wanted to see the farm. She's from America.
Who is that lady ...
Uncle Gino?
She's a friend.
So pretty.
Her hair was like fairy wings!
Where are we?
The bathroom is through that door.
Use this room on the second floor.
It's my house.
Thank you. But could you give me back my husband's laptop?
Sleep well.
We can talk afterwards.

It's a chance to practice your good English. You can ask her your questions later.
Signora Parker... Cannot speak Italian.
Can she speak Italian?
What is her name?
Is she a farmer, too?
I wonder when she'll wake up.
Okay! I'll do that.
I'm looking forward to it!
I didn't think Sophia would be so interested...
I've been asleep for 9 hours...
Oh, no.
What a lovely place ...
Tap
Where is Gino?
Hello! Mrs. Parker.
Hello.
What's your name?
Oh, you know my name?

Why don't you ask your uncle or auntie?
I wish I could help, too...
That's why I came by. I used to help harvest the lavender.
Lavender?
That's one of the flowers Uncle grows.
Oh.
Then why don't you ask Gino? He's family
Purr Purr
Uncle Gino isn't married. He said a girlfriend is enough for him.
Ally.
Do you want to meet my daddy? He's awake.
I'd love to!
What are your daddy and mummy called?
Gino isn't married
Purr Purr
Okay, I'll do that!
It's Ally.
Meow
Really ? What's your first name?
Purr Purr
This is Rudolfo.
Uncle Gino gave him to me 2 months ago.
Uncle Gino named him.
There used to be a great queen with the same name.
That's a nice name.
Sophia.
She looks just like Gino. Is she his daughter?
Uncle Gino told me you've come to see the farm.
Is your house a farm, too?
My grandparents had a farm and they used to grow lavender.
A little different.

I can't believe her!
She didn't care about them.
Donata You left your daughter and husband, too ..!
He stole this girl's mother away from her.
No, he's a nurse that looks after Daddy.
Is Luigi your brother?
He's having tea with Luigi in the kitchen.
Where is your father?
It's severe and advances fast. A rare type of the illness.
My brother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's 2 years ago.
Looks after?
Alzheimer's!

Uncle Gino.
Sophia.
Does that mean .


I'm so sorry...
Sophia told me about her mother.
Jim! I am disgusted by you!

Oh... God .

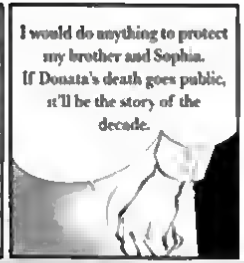
Marcello and Donata.
Come this way, Ally!
Donata? Did she say Donata?

I'm happy, too.
Smile
Daddy loves guests.
He's really happy.
I can never forgive my husband and Donata for hurting such an innocent child...
Sophia has so much pain in her life...
Donata only cared about herself.
She was especially unconcerned about her daughter's feelings.
My brother and I were best friends and we told each other everything...
This is Marcello.
Dad-
Please call me Ally.
Nice to meet you!
Daddy? This is Mrs. Parker. She's from America.
Tap
Gino and the duke look very similar
And Sophia has inherited those features

Every-
thing's
a mess
now.
Gino...
But my
brother became
ill and Donata
went missing...

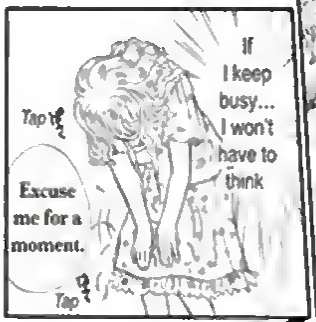
I think it's
amazing
how you keep
yourself
together in
such a
situation.
Please
forgive me
for my
rudeness
when I kept
you in
the cell...
Ally.
Uncle
Gino?
We're
by the
fountain.
That's
all right,
Gino.

Is this how
you live...?
That's
why you
put me in
a cell...


I would do anything to protect
my brother and Sophia.
If Donata's death goes public,
it'll be the story of the
decade.

was enough
for the press
to print a
lurid article
about me.
I went to
university
in England,
and just
looking at
a girl in
my class
Ever since
I can remember,
the paparazzi
have followed
me every-
where.
?
公爵家・噂話の城実
After my
brother became
duke and took my
mother's maiden
name, things settled
down a little...
The only
time I felt
peace was when
I was in the
countryside.

I can only stay 3 or 4 days at the most.
Oh, lavender. It's wonderful.
You are, too.
Of course not.
Me, too! But you're not going yet, are you?
Um...
Sophia, good night. It was lovely to meet you.
Gino, I should leave tonight before it gets too late.
That's right. Good night, Ally.
That takes some time.
She's come to see the farm.
And... And...
Does that mean I shouldn't make plans to leave yet?
If I stay here too long I...
But... I've accomplished what I came to do. I found out about Donata and how much pain Jim caused...



He could have any woman he wanted
The life the Montefalco family lives is too different from my own.
It's a waste of time for me to fall in love with him.

He would never look at a widow like me who couldn't even stop her husband from having an affair.

Uncle Gino said a girlfriend is enough for him.

I want Ally to stay here longer. I want to be with Ally.
Ally is leaving us.
Uncle Gino.
Ally!

Huh?
...
Ally
...
I should go home tomorrow
Sophia is so cute. It's getting harder for me to think about leaving.
I've outstayed my welcome, I think. I got to see the farm.
I'll go to Rome first thing in the morning tomorrow.
Thank you for every-thing.
Gino...

You want me to tell Sophia that?
To that little girl who has experienced happiness for the first time in 2 years?
I'm sorry, I can't.
I have a contract with the orchestra. New rehearsals start next week.
I'm not asking you to be a babysitter. I just want you to teach her an hour a day. You can do whatever you like for the rest of the day.
But... That's not fair!
I'm just asking, on behalf of the Duke of Montefalco.
Smile
Gino! You are making it so I cannot say no.
Before you go home, would you like to take up a job teaching Sophia the violin?
I will pay you if you decide to stay.
She wanted you to teach her the violin.
You are a violinist.
Sophia told me ...

I know I will regret this...
Oh...
Touch
Thinking about them watching me...
I'm more nervous than I am at an audition.
I want them to feel the beautiful sound of the violin...
Daddy would love this, too. He'll think he's at a concert.
I'm going to bring Daddy.
That's wonderful, Ally.
Sniff
Sniff
Sigh

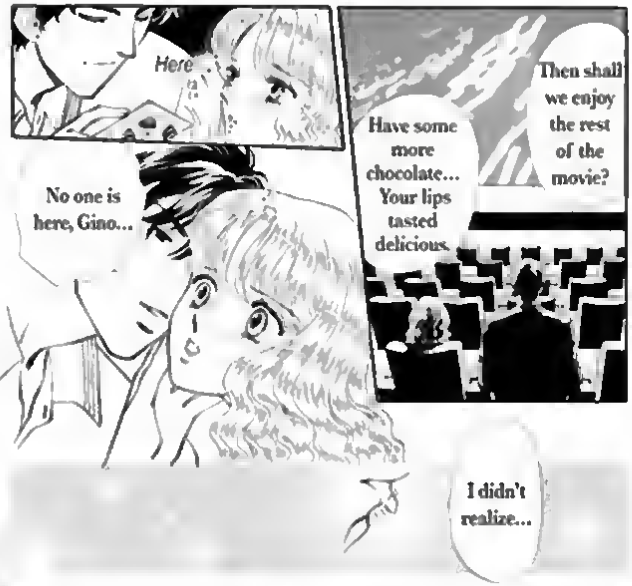
A guest?
Seems like it.
I heard "Merlina." Is she your girlfriend?
Bianca?
Merlina è venuta a trovarti.
Master Gino!
Finch?
Merlina? She's talking too fast. I don't understand
...Merlina.
An ex-girlfriend.
We broke up before Donata went missing.
While I speak to her in the study.
can you start your lesson with Sophia in the living room?
How could your husband have done such a thing...
Today is one of those days when I cannot think of any words to say.
Thud

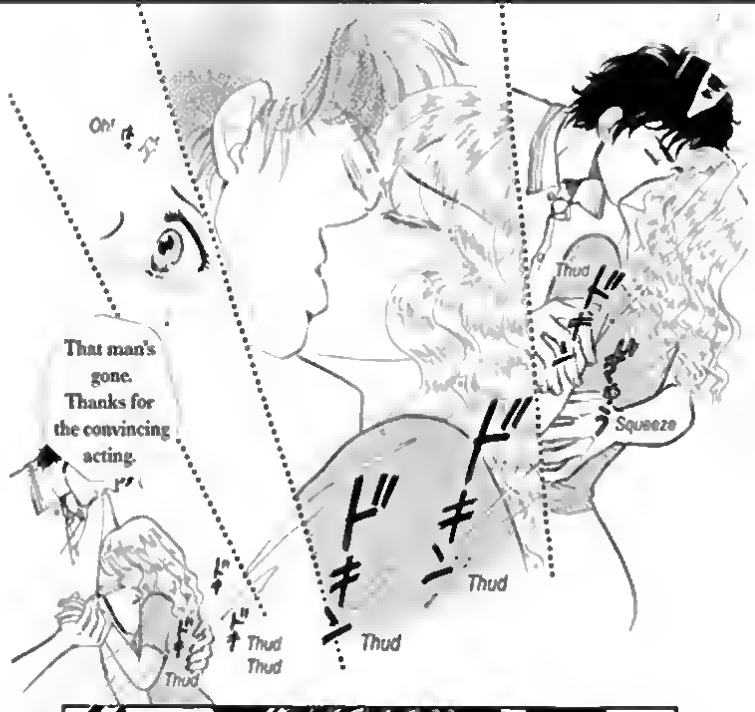
Those accusations are unjustified.
I am worried about you. You know how I feel about you.
This is different. Donata is dead... The Duchess of Montefalco is dead!
Gino!
Is there someone else?
What happened to your feelings for me? I thought you would be happy.
!!
Flick
I'm sorry to have wasted your time when you came all the way over here.
She is Sophia's violin teacher.
Is it that blonde woman from earlier?
Clank
That is my business. Please leave.
It's on the news everywhere.
That must be Merlina
The press will make up any story to sell papers.
That someone might have meddled with the brakes.
They're saying Donata and the American man may not have died in an accident.
You've been put forward as the number-one suspect.

Cinema Teatro
She is so charming...
If I was her husband...
Please... Merlina.
She is someone who gives Sophia the happiness she needs to keep going.
Fine. I'll be leaving !
Who is she...?
My brother is... smiling!

Gino!
I wanted to see you, *bellissima*.
Oh..
This man deliberately sat next to me...?
You are an American? Would you like to go dancing later?
Scusi, signore
I do not understand Italian.
Clank
Sorry I'm late.
Oh...

Gino has a charm that you cannot forget. Even if you wanted to
That girl still loves Gino.
Even though he's someone I can never have!
Why did I promise to stay here until the end of the month?
By the time I have to go back I won't be able to stand it...
I won't be able to forget about Sophia or Gino...!
Excuse me, *signora*.


Here
Then shall we enjoy the rest of the movie?
Have some more chocolate... Your lips tasted delicious.
No one is here, Gino...
I didn't realize...


Oh!
That man's gone. Thanks for the convincing acting.
Thud
Thud
Thud
Thud
Thud
Thud
Squeeze

I...I know. I was just spacing out.
Being in a place like this on your own is like asking to be picked up.
Never come to places like this alone!
Ally, I need to warn you.

What?
You had no right to do that!
If you wanted to see the photos, I've erased them.
I want you to give me back my husband's computer.
Squeeze
You wouldn't have wanted to see those pictures. Really...
Why did you bring it with you when you didn't know what was on it?
It's a long story ...
.....
I'd like to hear it. I have all night.

The feeling of Gino's lips The warmth of his hand holding mine
I couldn't concentrate on the rest of the film..
Brooom

Touch
How about a picnic by the river again?
Sophia will be happy.
Only when I want to get everything finished. Then I can take the next day off and spend it with the family
Do you usually work late?
Flinch
Shiver
I...
I have a favor to ask, Gino...!
No.. I can't control my feelings...
That... That sounds nice.

Click
I can't believe them!
So stupid ...!
She even forgot about her child...
I knew this woman was evil...
This is worse than I thought. This...
Ally...
Gino ...
She is talking about me here. I was the only one who noticed her flaws.
Click
Click
She's lied to Jim that her husband is a cruel and calculating man...!
She doesn't mention Sophia or your brother's illness...

My beloved Donata,
Ally is not the type to be suspicious She's too into her music and would never think I will leave her forever.
Ally will never know we are together.
I live to be with you, Donata
You are all my dreams come true!
Jim
But be patient, Jim!
If he knew I was planning it, he'd imprison me He has the power to do that
My husband is suspicious and calculating He will never allow me to divorce
I will be at the usual place in a car my husband won't be able to trace
Let's go to Sicily in the family cruiser.
All I want is you!

Ring
Ring
Who is this...? It's so early.
Carlo?
6:00 a.m.
Things have gotten complicated, Gino.
I've arranged to meet Toscano in Rome at 9:00 a.m.
I can hear Donata laughing.

Hello? I have a scoop on Rudolfo Gunnino Fiorvtto Di Montefalco.
What are you doing!
Slam
Come on, Gino.
Don't touch me!
No...
What?
I can't believe her!
What did she want to do with Jim, the man who betrayed me?
hurt her sweet daughter.
She sold stories of her brother-in-law to the press.

It'll be a great opportunity for Sophia to make a friend.
It's okay, Bianca. Bring her here.
She's about the same age as Sophia.
A guest is here but Master Gino is not around...
To Rome?
All right...
Then I'll take the girls on a picnic.
Bianca, where is Gino?
Master Gino has gone to Rome on an urgent matter.

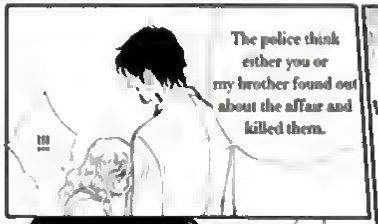
Don't tell me that you're taking that stupid story about the brakes being meddled seriously?
Alberto Toscano ? He's a criminal defense attorney, isn't he?
What!
The situation's gotten worse, Gino.
The brakes were definitely disabled.
I saw the police report.
They're planning to say you two planned this murder together.
The prosecution found out that Signora Parker was in Saint Moritz.
Ally!
!!
I'll give you more details in Rome. Ciao.

All right. I'm sure he'll want to see you.
I'll go check on Daddy.
Ally, thank you for a lovely day!
Screech
That's okay. We had a nice picnic.
Sorry about today, Ally. There was an emergency...
Gino!

Her mother, Donata, for example.
You horrible man...
Sla-
I'm sorry ...
There's something I need to tell you.
I'm going to bid my family good-night. So wait about an hour. We'll meet at the terrace.

If she found out you were leaving at the end of June...
She's already attached to you.
But we... Agreed on this!
I heard on the phone.
Yeah.
It's all thanks to you, Ally.
I can just see Sophia's happy face.
We need to do something before she gets too attached to me...
I am leaving at the end of the month.
That's what Donata did.
Humph
If we prolong it, it'll only hurt Sophia more!
If I were her mother, I would love Sophia forever and make sure she was happy!
Blush
Who could not love her?
I love Sophia!
How dare you compare me to Donata!

Ally...
The forensics report proved that the brakes were disabled.


The police think either you or my brother found out about the affair and killed them.
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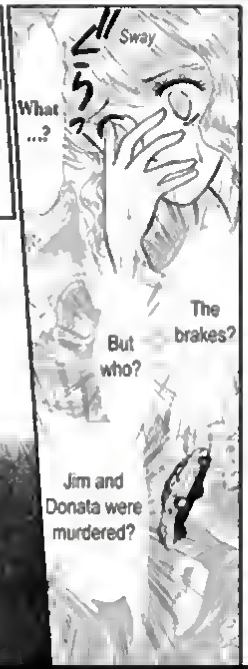
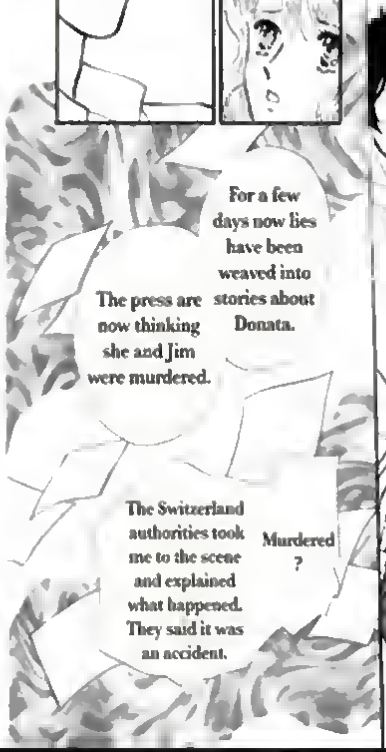

Sway
What ...?
But who?
The brakes?
Jim and Donata were murdered?

That's stupid! Marcello is sick and can't move, and I was in Portland!
You're right...

What's happened?


For a few days now lies have been weaved into stories about Donata.
The press are now thinking she and Jim were murdered.
The Switzerland authorities took me to the scene and explained what happened. They said it was an accident.
Murdered ?

Marry?
.. What ...?
Feel at ease.
If something happened to me, there is one person who can make my family...
A woman I plan to marry in a few days.
Who ...?
Yes. She loves her.
Gino is getting married ..? It's so sudden I don't want to hear about it ..
Does Sophia like this person...
She knows everything?
I see ...
She wouldn't be able to take it.
Sophia would lose her smile and would never come out of herself
But... if you were imprisoned... Marcello and Sophia would...
I cannot prove I wasn't in Switzerland when the accident happened.
I went around looking for Donata in January, when she died.
If there was a trial and I was found guilty, I would be imprisoned for life.
Has decided I am guilty and they are building a case against me.
...Based on a lie Donata told before, the prosecution..
.....
Do they think you did it?
No...
Creak
But... where will they find such evidence ...?

It's an American woman called Allison Cummings Parker.
Slump
What...
That's impossible! I have no money for a lawyer... And if he wants to represent both of us without a conflict of interest, we'll have to be married.
Toscano thinks he will have a good case if he represents both of us.
But you're getting married, aren't you?
Yeah.
Why don't you ask me the name of the woman...
I am going to marry.
Tap!
A lawyer? For me?
Not yet! I need to talk to you about your lawyer...
That we cooperated to exact revenge.
The prosecution may think you were an accomplice.
I think I'm going to go crazy.
My lawyer thinks your stop in Switzerland on the way to Italy, to see the site of the accident, looks like you were checking the scene as part of our plan to kill those two.
I don't want to hear about Gino getting married right now!
That's a relief. If that's all you have to say I'll be going to bed now.
She must be a wonderful woman, then...
If he's getting married in a few days I'll leave on that day.

Creak
Creak
Creak
My family is more important to me than my life.
I can trust you with them.
Think about it tonight.
If I was convicted, if I knew you were looking after my niece and brother, I think I would be able to live through it.
You will be rich, and you can use the money however you like.
Ally, I want you to really think this over.

I'm. . getting married to Gino?
If something were to happen to me, you would raise Sophia and look after Marcello.
If you take my name, you would inherit my assets, and I can give you the right to control my business.
I don't think it's a bad plan.
If we get married I can pay for a lawyer for both of us.
It's a way I can repay you.

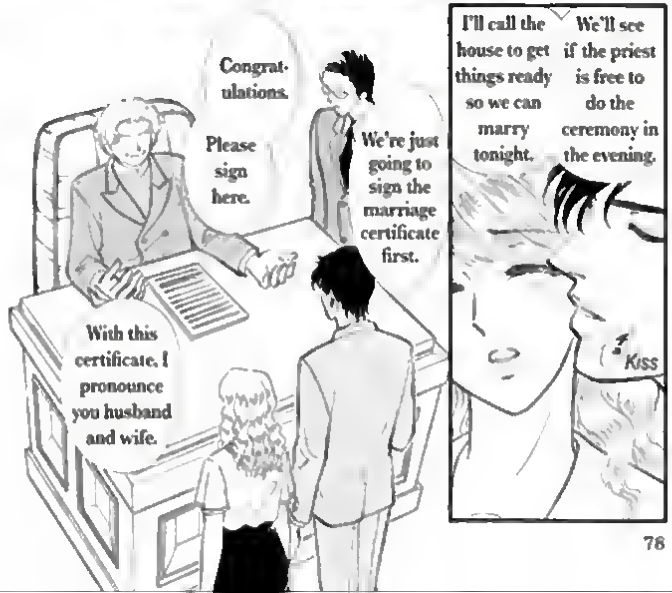
This is my mother's wedding ring. She gave it to me before she died.
Where is your wedding ring?
I buried it with my husband.
...
Slip
You agree to be the wife of a farm owner under the worst circumstances imaginable.
He doesn't love me.
But I will still say yes.
A chance to be a mother to Sophia, who needs a mother so badly.
An opportunity to care for Gino's beloved brother...
If that is what will make Gino happy.
This is a deal.

What does it say on the document?
This is the last document.
Please sign under your name, Gino.
Um... Okay...
It's okay, Ally.
Duchess of Montefalco.
It says if Gino and Sophia die, you automatically become
What
We're planning to go with the family after the wedding.
Ischia?
That's not possible, Gino. You could be arrested anytime.
Great. Now we can enjoy our holiday in Ischia.

Meeting the priest. Getting the wedding certificate.
Preparations for the wedding invitations to friends.
Things went forward without any regard for my feelings
I must hide my feelings...
Leaving my feelings behind.
Separate rooms...
We can use those.
There are several small rooms attached to my room.
Hold on! During the day all will be fine, but what do we do at night?

It was God's will that I met you.
I promise to do everything I can to make sure you don't regret this
I promise the same, Gino.

There is a judge here so there is no problem in doing your ceremony.
Anything could happen so I recommend you get married now.
No!
So soon?
How about Sophia?
If she found out she was left out she would be upset!
Gino!
Please.


Congratulations.
Please sign here.
We're just going to sign the marriage certificate first.
With this certificate, I pronounce you husband and wife.
I'll call the house to get things ready so we can marry tonight.
We'll see if the priest is free to do the ceremony in the evening.
Kiss

I will protect Sophia and the others
Please, God! Protect Gino!
I have an idea to keep Sophia busy.
Of course.
Can you help me?
I want to prepare a lot on the way home.
Yes, ma'am.
Let's say Gino has gone on an important business trip.

Get in the car.
Yes.

Are you *Signore Di Montefalco?*

Me, too.
I'm glad it was here.
Come with me.

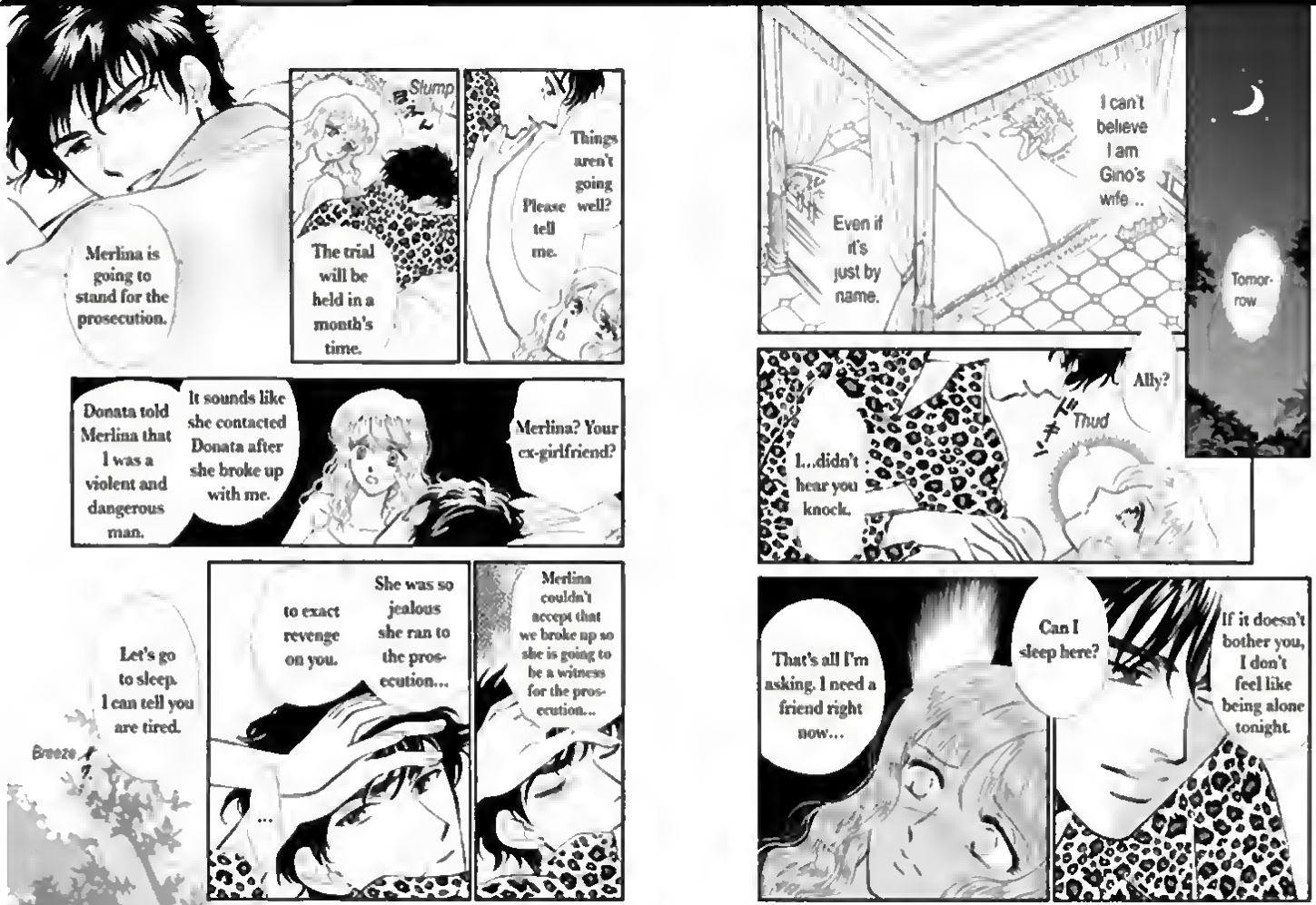
I need to call home to let them know.
Hurry!
Gino!
Brooom

The paparaz-zi...
Snap
Snap
Snap
Snap

We'll be busy until Gino comes back!
Yeah!
I want to say something like "I love you."
So I can say something to Gino in a real accent on the day of the wedding.
Teach me Italian!
and "I love Sophia like my own daughter," too!
Oh ...
Thank you, Sophia.
I love you, too, Ally! More than anything.
I can't wait till tomorrow, Ally!
Yes.
Please let the guests know the wedding will be postponed.
Ally!
Sophia.
About 3 days, if we're lucky...?
No... When will that be?
Gino had to go on an important business trip. So the wedding will be after that.
About that ...
Smile
What kind of plan?
I have a plan until then. Can you help me, Sophia?

The heir to her assets.
The great-aunt's oldest son, Vasily.
He couldn't stand the idea of sharing the assets with Donata,
a girl from Rome who hadn't been in contact with the family for years.
It looks like James Parker went on the boat a few times, too.
and let her use the family cruiser.
That great-aunt let Donata stay in her house
One of the crew members let them onboard.
However, there were some members of the family who didn't think well of them.
There is a possibility he pretended...
to help the couple by supplying the car.
If you need any help, let me know, Alberto.
I will give the private detective more time to investigate.
We may find the culprit, Gino.
Tell me what is happening.
Jerk
がばっ
Gino.
Alber-to!
There is no phone The guards won't speak to me
I feel like I will go insane.
What is happening?
That's what I wanted to hear.
Your wife and Sophia are doing fine.
Donata had a great-aunt on the Castiglione side of her family who manages the family's assets.
Also, the private detective I sent to Sicily discovered some interesting news.

That's why I am getting married to her first thing tomorrow morning.
Ally always thinks about those around her.
Uncle Gino!
You look like you're having fun.
It's the most beautiful place in Rome.
It's a welcome-home gift!
Look! Do you like our present? Ally and I did it together.
He He
It was Ally's idea.
We better get to bed early, then.
I can't wait till tomorrow morning!
The ceremony will start at 10:00 a.m.
I made the arrangements on my way back to Rome.
What do you think, Sophia?
Oh, and *grazie*, Alberto.
I'll see you in the courtroom.
Uncle Gino will love it!
...You're right.
If Ally and Uncle Gino have a baby, this would be a perfect baby room!


Merlina is going to stand for the prosecution.
Slump
The trial will be held in a month's time.
Things aren't going well? Please tell me.
Donata told Merlina that I was a violent and dangerous man.
It sounds like she contacted Donata after she broke up with me.
Merlina? Your ex-girlfriend?
Let's go to sleep. I can tell you are tired.
Breeze
to exact revenge on you.
She was so jealous she ran to the prosecution...
...
Merlina couldn't accept that we broke up so she is going to be a witness for the prosecution...
Even if it's just by name.
I can't believe I am Gino's wife ..
Tomorrow
Ally?
Thud
I...didn't hear you knock.
That's all I'm asking. I need a friend right now...
Can I sleep here?
If it doesn't bother you, I don't feel like being alone tonight.

That's why I can get through this.
You believed me from the start.
Gino ...
A certain little girl told me this would be perfect for your dress.
Come... Let's go.
I need to keep hiding my feelings.
Gino trusts me That should be enough...
I love Gino... But Gino wants a fnend ..
When I woke up the next morning, Gino had gone.
Tap
Tap
Tap
Whisper
Whisper

They're a dark green now, but when you're happy they sparkle light green.
I can tell by looking at your eyes.
Don't worry.
I'm not worried.
Slam
To the farm-house!
To the farm-house!
I want to be happy... But what if the prosecution people come again...
This should be a day to be happy.
No one will ever take me away again. It's over.
I have become the happiest man in the world because of you.
I hereby declare Rudolfo Giannino Fioretto Di Montefalco and Allison Cummings Parker husband and wife.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

If you did, he would have been into you even before he heard you play Tchaikovsky.
Gino.
Could you play something for our guests?
I will look after him. Go get something to eat.
I wish I knew you before you got ill, Marcello.
Mar-cello.

For Gino.
For Sophia.
For Marcello.
Brahms's Symphony ...
I hope my happiness and love ... The beauty of music will reach them.
And that God will watch over them.

Silence
Thank you for being here on one of the most important days of my and Ally's lives.
Ally is a very talented musician and I have asked her to play a piece for my brother and I.
It's a present I would like more than anything else on my wedding day.
I want to show you off.
Sophia.
Our parents taught us to love music.
Now... Ally fills this farmhouse with music once more.

Sigh
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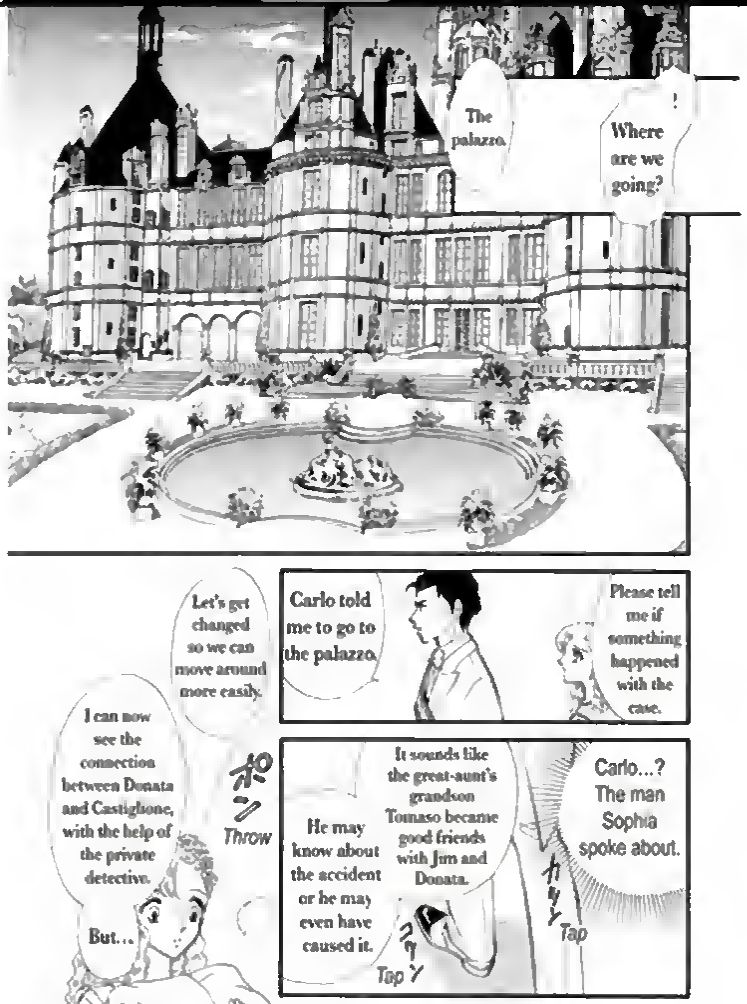
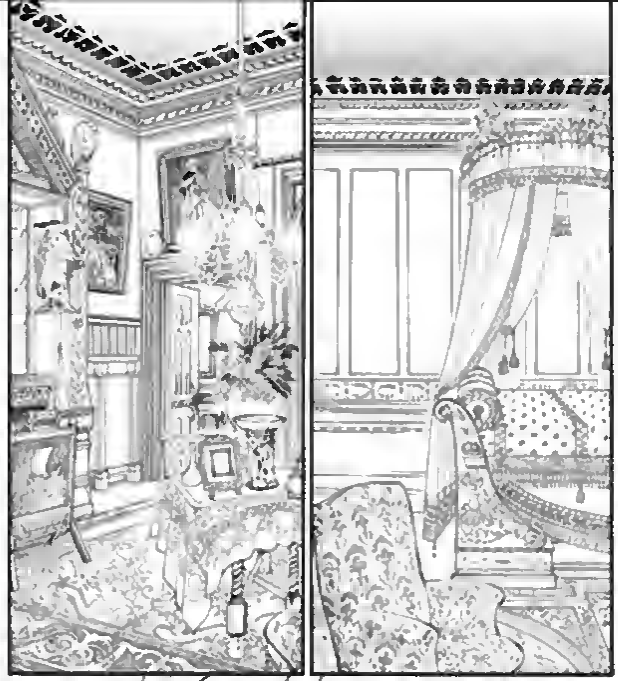
Of course. Come back soon.
I'm sorry. May I be excused?
I can't feel my hands or feet.
I can't be close to Gino for too long.
Bang
Slap
Ah!
Sophia?

Tap
Clap Clap
Grazie!
Ally!
Clap Clap
Oh...I cannot hold back my love for Gino...I
Bravo!
Bravo!
Clap Clap Clap
Clap
Clap
Clap

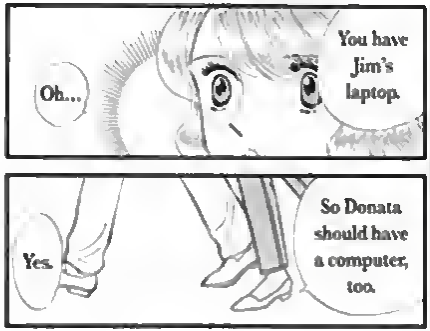
How can you say that?
!!
Even if Gino doesn't love me, I will always be here.
Okay... Listen, Sophia.
I love you, Ally. Can I call you Mommy?
Anytime! You can call me Mommy whenever you want.
We promised to make a happy family together.
Gino and I are friends.
Okay...
We have to pretend nothing happened once we leave this room! Okay?
Sophia... If you don't tell someone, you will be hurt, too.
I can't tell you...
You'll get hurt.
I hate Uncle Gino!
Ally?
Come inside.
Why? You love Gino.
Gino said that to you?
I overheard him saying it to *Signore* Carlo.
Uncle said he wished he hadn't married you...
But that's all he can do right now.


The palazzo.
Where are we going?
!
Let's get changed so we can move around more easily.
Carlo told me to go to the palazzo.
Please tell me if something happened with the case.
I can now see the connection between Donata and Castiglione, with the help of the private detective.
But...
Throw
He may know about the accident or he may even have caused it.
It sounds like the great-aunt's grandson Tomaso became good friends with Jim and Donata.
Carlo...? The man Sophia spoke about.
Tap
Tap

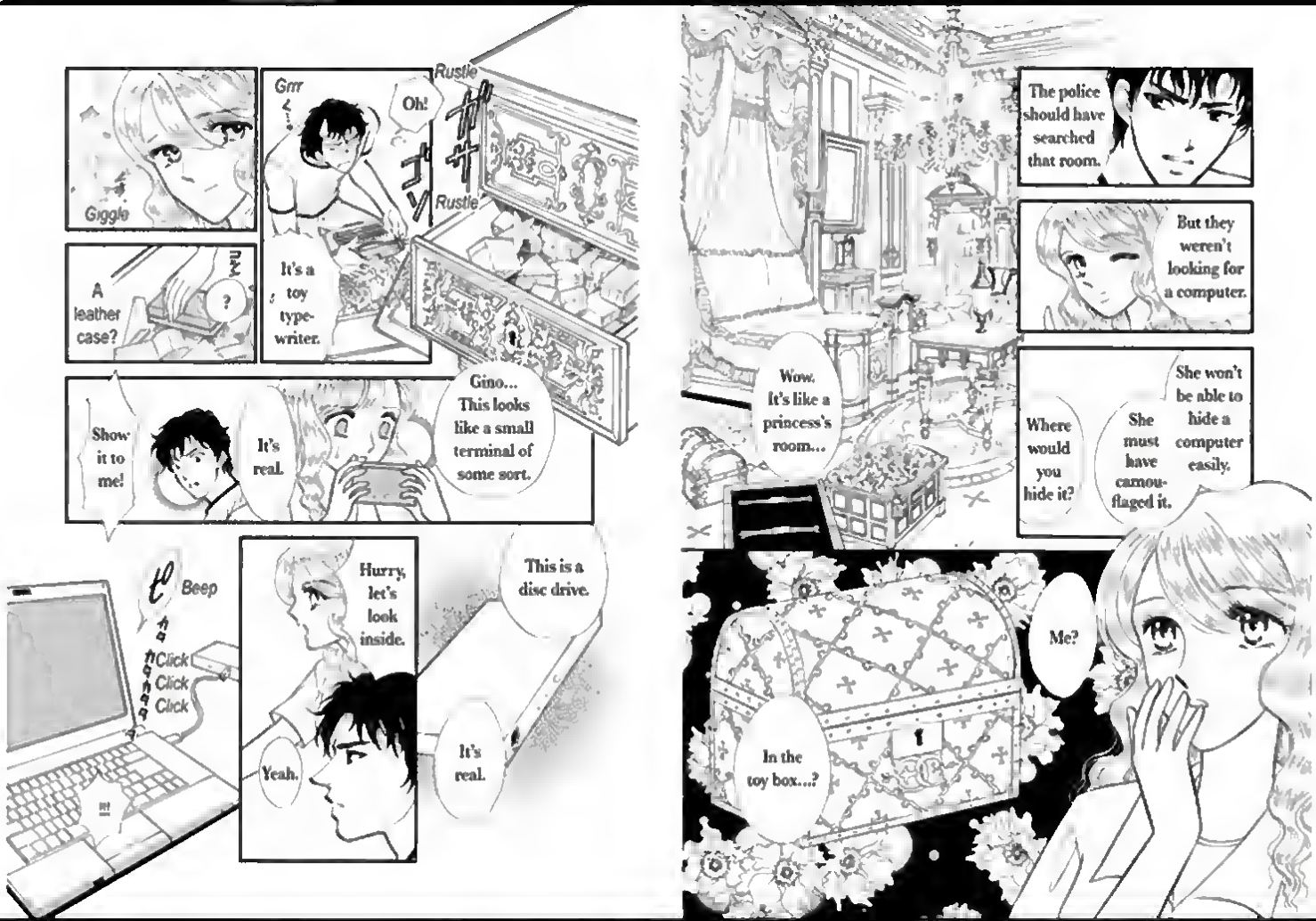
Ally.
We'll always be together.
I love you and Marcello, Sophia.
Squeeze
Grab
I thought we couldn't leave the farm.
Legally we can't.
Gino?
Let's go on our honeymoon.

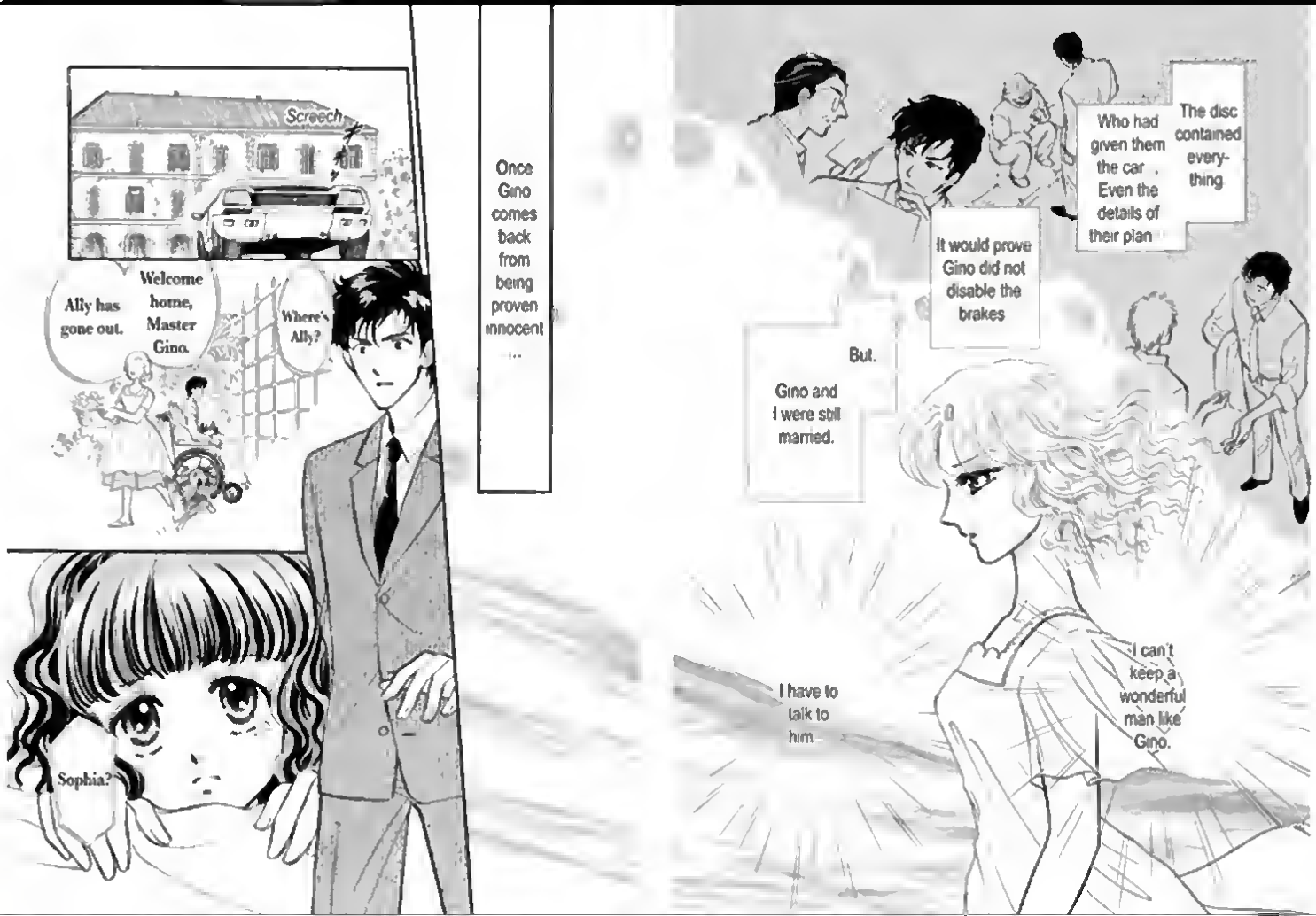


Did you look in Sophia's room?
Where else would she hide it?
It's not here...


Oh...
You have Jim's laptop.
Yes.
So Donata should have a computer, too.
I don't have any evidence that links Donata and Jim.

Then let's find it!
If we find it, the court will have to look for an alternative suspect.
If it's hidden somewhere, it should be in this palazzo.


Giggle
Grrr
Oh!
Rustle
Rustle
It's a toy type-writer.
A leather case?
Show it to me!
It's real.
Gino... This looks like a small terminal of some sort.
Beep
Click
Click
Click
Hurry, let's look inside.
Yeah.
This is a disc drive.
It's real.
The police should have searched that room.
But they weren't looking for a computer.
Wow. It's like a princess's room...
Where would you hide it?
She must have camou-flaged it.
She won't be able to hide a computer easily.
In the toy box...?
Me?


Screech
Welcome home, Master Gino.
Ally has gone out.
Where's Ally?
Sophia?
Once Gino comes back from being proven innocent ...
Who had given them the car . Even the details of their plan
The disc contained every-thing
It would prove Gino did not disable the brakes
But.
Gino and I were sbll married.
I have to talk to him
I can't keep a wonderful man like Gino.

Sla—
Oh!
—m
I knew that you had just lost your husband. And you still loved Jim.
Welcome home, Gino.
Thud
A...Ally.
Wonderful...
We're free, Ally.
All accusations against us have been dropped.
Smile
Flinch
What?
Of course, Sophia.
You can't come back until you explain everything to Ally properly!
You thought I didn't love you, Ally?
I fell in love with you the moment I saw you

You're saying you don't mind if I have a mistress?
Can you explain?
I don't understand.
Turn
Yes.
!!
It's all right if you want to be with other women.
Does the same apply to you?
But I don't have to. Is that what you're saying?
I will honor this marriage faithfully!
Then... Let's go to your room.
...
Me, too.
I need to talk to you, Ally.
If you want to talk about our marriage, you are my wife and will stay that way.
I don't mind if you live the same way you did before we married.
But, Gino.
I want to be your wife.

I am not talking about Jim.
Yes, you are!
but don't judge all men on what he did.
Your husband hurt you badly,
Grab!
Men can sleep with women without love.
I was worried about this from the moment I decided to marry you.
I forced you to marry before you had healed from the hurt he caused you...!
...What if I said I wanted to sleep with you?
I wouldn't be surprised.
But you don't have to worry about everyone anymore.
You can think about yourself now.
A lifetime is a long time.
I don't want your marriage to me to get in the way of your happiness.
I want you to be happy.
Before we married, we agreed to stay married no matter what happened.

Even if you didn't love me, I wanted to live with you.
When I made my vows before God I said something I meant from the bottom of my heart.
Ally. I love you...
More than life itself...
No! Carlo.
Gino, this marriage is...
Carlo thought I wanted you to be a mother for Sophia.
Sophia only heard the first part of our conversation.
Gino, do you...
She hasn't forgotten about her former husband yet.
I may have acted impatiently.
I wanted to marry her, as soon as possible!
From the moment I met her...
Yes, I love her.
I was going to spend the rest of my life thinking of a way to make you love me back.
I couldn't imagine life without you.
That's why I decided to marry you.

Do you think I would have said yes if I didn't really want to marry you?
Gino, love me.
I love you, Gino Di Montefalco!
I feel like I have been waiting for you for a 100 years.
I love you more than anyone else in this world, Gino!
Forever.
I
I'll wait for your reply.
Don't go, darling!
You speak Italian?

You'll meet a woman who will make you get down on your knees one day.
Huh?
Ahahahaha! That'll never happen.
Quit what, Marcello?
Gino, when are you going to quit?
I can see it.
Yes, Gino.
Tweet
Tweet
Tweet
Ally...
Gino...

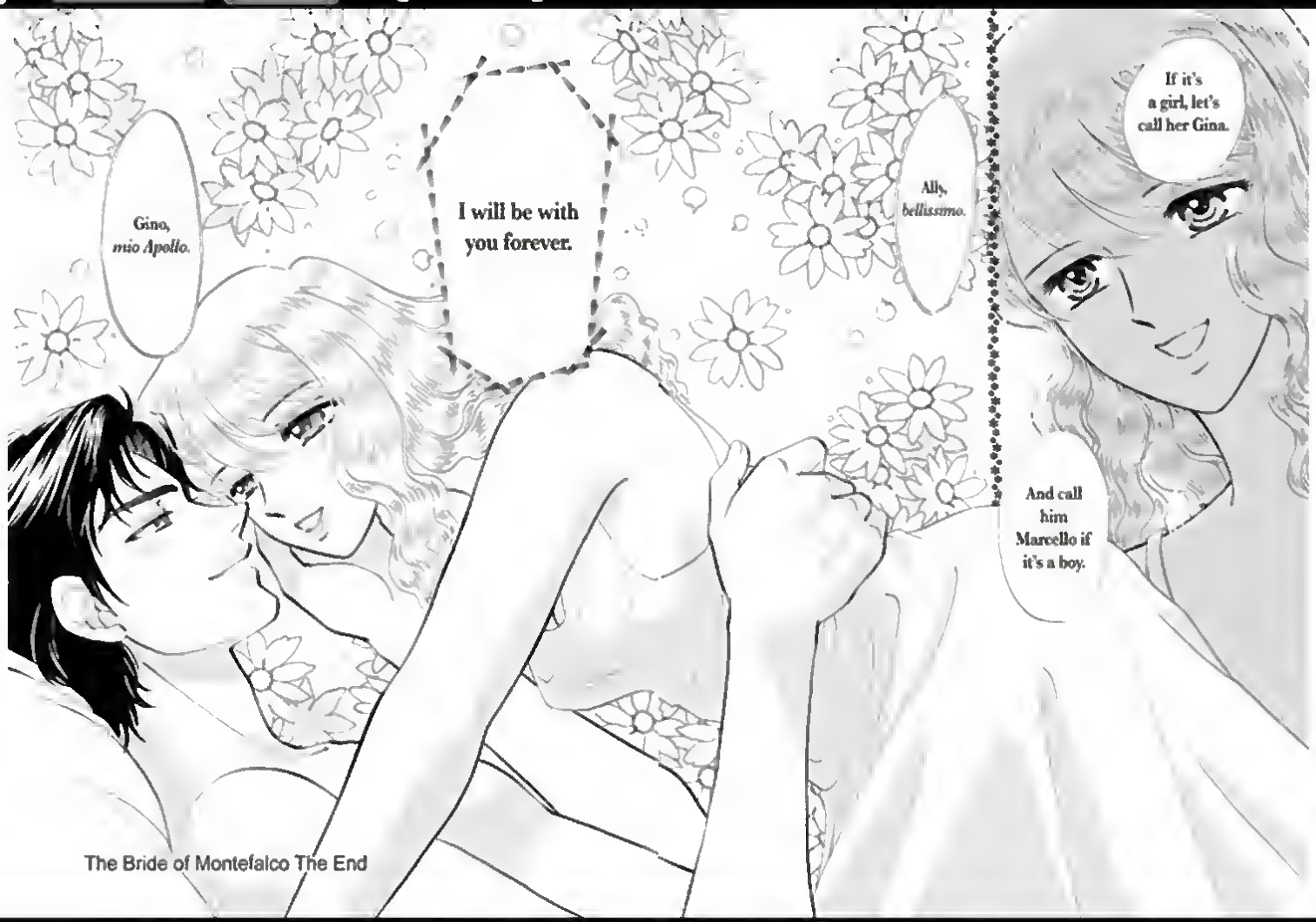
Our new daughter.
Do you think it went well?
Huh, Daddy?

Flump
To maintain the balance,
I think we should concentrate on making an heir.
Bounce
!!

Pull
While we're on the subject of our niece.

You were right, Marcello.
Um...

Who taught you to speak such good Italian?
You sound like a native.
Buon giorno, Gino.
I love you.


Gino, *mio Apollo.*
I will be with you forever.
Ally, *bellissimo.*
If it's a girl, let's call her Gina.
And call him Marcello if it's a boy.
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